

FISH BUSINESS NOT PROFITABLE

Run Is Very Small, and Trappers Fail to Clear Expenses.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
Heathsville, Va., May 4.—Discouraging news comes from the fishing grounds* of the Rappahannock and great Wicomico Rivers, as well as those along the shores of the Chesapeake Bay. The runs of shad, herring and other edible fish has, thus far, been very small; and the trappers have failed to clear expenses. Fish packers have been unable to secure enough fish to justify employing the usual number of hands, and consequently all branches of the business are suffering.

Those engaged in the business say it has been many years since the fishermen experienced such a bad season. Various theories have been advanced to account for the scarcity of fish, but none of them seem to explain fully the unsatisfactory condition of affairs.

However, those engaged in the fishing business along the Potomac and tributaries tell a different story. They claim to get all the fish they can possibly handle, and that the plants are running, frequently, at night as well as day.

Trout are making their appearance, although rather small and poor at this season.

The constant booming from the cannon at the United States practicing grounds down the river, this and the past week, has caused a feeling of uneasiness, not only with the colored population, they fearing the war, which they have claimed was inevitable since the election of a Democratic President.

The fishermen, on another score, declare that many shad and other fish are being killed in the traps by the jar, which is tremendous, sufficient to shake large houses to their foundation and causing windows to rattle alarmingly.

In some instances shad, out of panes of glass, even as far as Heathsville, which is a number of miles away.

News was brought to this place that one of the steamers which come into Cranford, frequently, at night as well as day, and got some of her rigging badly damaged.

WEIRD TALES NEED BARRELS OF SALT

Few Americans Live to Make Millions of Dollars in Tropics.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
New York, May 4.—"He who travels far can tell you strange stories," quoted F. C. Vivian, from Porto Rico, at the Knickerbocker, when shown a newspaper clipping saying that J. K. Hutcheon, a Scotch engineer, made \$2,000,000 in three years in Bolivia.

"I would like to meet Mr. Hutcheon," I would like it to be done. All these weird stories about getting rich quick in Central and South America should be taken with barrels of salt. It is not what Mr. Hutcheon did, but how he did it, and even if one does make a bit more and a bit quicker money than one does at home, one pays for it with one's health. People do not live in the tropics, they just exist, and if you would poll all the English and Americans, you find out there, and ask them for a frank opinion, they will advise you this: 'If you have any kind of a decent job at home, for God's sake hold on to it and stay there.'"

"The tropics were not made for white men—never mind what some people tell you. A great many more people return poorer in money and in health, broken in spirit and disappointed and disgusted," he said.

Mr. Vivian owns large tracts of land of banana fields in Porto Rico, and is one of the largest shippers of that fruit to this country. There is money in bananas, surely," he said, "but how much are you going to put on the ledger every year for depreciation of your physical condition? Will you figure that out?"

INJURIES NOT SERIOUS.

W. H. Meadows Has Narrow Escape When Struck by Train.

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Petersburg, Va., May 4.—Meadows, section master at Church Roads Crossing for the Norfolk and Western Railroad, was struck by the eastbound passenger train about 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon at Church Roads. He was brought to the hospital in Petersburg, and upon examination was found to be injured internally, but not seriously.

He was struck by the front end of the train, falling on his right side. His escape from serious injuries was a narrow one.

BY THE WAY—WHERE IS YOUR HUSBAND TODAY?

WHY HE'S PROBABLY OUT PLAYING GOLF—TOODLES—COME HERE!

DOES HE EVER TAKE THE DOG WITH HIM?

TOODLES—COME HERE!

GRACIOUS—YOU BETTER GET HIM BEFORE SOME BUM IN THAT CHEAP SALOON STEALS HIM!

HELLO—MAGGIE—DID YOU SEND THE DOG IN AFTER ME?

WHAT!

GOLF—EH!

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